GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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GRANTS TO CANTONMENT COUNCILS
PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the annual grants given by the Government to the cantonment councils and the steps being taken by the councils to enhance revenue collection to become self reliant;

(b) whether there is any laxity on the part of the Government in revenue collection; and

(c) if so, the amount of revenue loss on this account?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Grants-in-aid is released by the Central Government to the deficit Cantonment Boards to balance their budget.An amount of Rs. 25 crore has been allocated for the purpose in the current year.

Steps have been taken by the Cantonment Boards to enhance their income by revision of taxes, charges, fees and wherever feasible, by construction of shopping complexes etc.

(b) No Sir, there is no laxity on the part of Cantonment Board in revenue collection.

(c) Does not arise.